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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s):

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For (title): **FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS
CONTAINING AN ION EXCHANGE AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT**

Enclosed please find:

1. **SPECIFICATION INCLUDING CLAIMS**

- which is a continuation/continuation-in-Part/Divisional
- pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.60; and I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the below-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.
- pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.62; and in the case of a continuation-in-part which adds and claims additional disclosure, an oath or declaration as required by § 1.63 is also included herewith.
- This application claims benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of prior U.S. application

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Number EK603101628US addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Mary M. Helmken
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(Signature of person mailing papers, Date)

This application claims benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 of prior foreign application filed in as application no. . A certified copy of the original foreign application, specification and drawings

- is enclosed
- will follow during the pendency of this application.

This application includes:

39 Pages of Specification (including the title page)
 1 Page of Abstract
 5 Page(s) of Claims
 0 Sheet of Drawing figures

2. **AMENDMENTS**

Please enter any amendments filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 after the final rejection or action (§1.113) amendments in the parent, to the above-captioned application.

- attached.
- A preliminary amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 is attached.
 - Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation
 continuation-in-part
 divisional

of copending application Serial No. filed on

- Amendments to claims:
- Amend the claims by deleting claims .
- Amend the claims by adding new claims set forth in the preliminary amendment.

3. **COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

- Enclosed.
- Not enclosed. This application is made by a person authorized pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c) on behalf of all of the above-named inventors. The

declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) will be filed subsequently.

4. **DRAWINGS.** Drawings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.81.

- formal.
- informal.

5. **FILING FEE CALCULATED:**

CLAIMS AS FILED				
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
Total Claims	27- 20	= 7 x	\$ 22.00	\$ 154.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3	= 0 x	\$ 78.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Assignment Recording Fee			\$ 40.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL				\$ 844.00

- Not enclosed.

- No filing fee is to be paid at this time. The filing fee and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) will be paid subsequently.

- Filing fee of \$0.00

- Processing and retention fee \$ 000.00
(37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))

TOTAL FEES \$844.00

- Charge Deposit Account 23-0458 in the amount of \$844.00.

6. **AN ASSIGNMENT** of this invention to Warner-Lambert Company, 201 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950:

- Enclosed.
- will follow.

7. **AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees required during the entire pendency of this application except the issue fee to Deposit Account 23-0450.

8. **INSTRUCTIONS AS TO OVERPAYMENT** Credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0458.
9. **ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION.** Please abandon the prior application referred to above at a time (1) while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and (2) when this application is granted a filing date so that this application is copending with the prior application.
10. **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.** In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, an Information Disclosure Statement, a Form PTO-1449, and copies of references are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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